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1. Jenapharm Plant (VVB (Z) Pharma) is presently located in the Sudwerk (southern Plant) of the Zeiss Plant, near the Schott Plant. Electricity, steam and heat are supplied by the Zeiss and Schott Plants. The Jenapharm Plant is scheduled to be moved to Porstendorf near Jena (W 51/J 66) and it will then be expanded. The villa of the plant manager, Professor Hans Knoell, is in Porstendorf, as is a large stable for animals from which BCG vaccine is obtained. In March 1951, the Jenapharm Plant had 1,350 workers, including office workers and scientists. By the end of 1952, after the completion of the plant expansion, the total number of employees is scheduled to reach 5,000.
2. Considerable research work is carried on in the Jenapharm Plant, in addition to the regular production. Professor Knoell has collected about fifty scientists who work in the laboratories. The following are the managers of the various research departments: Mrs. Schellenberg (fmu), Dr., Bacteriological Laboratory; Dr. Bauer (fmu), Biophysical Laboratory; Dr. Zopf (fmu), Microphotographic Laboratory; Mrs. Brandler (fmu), Dr., a former employee of the Wolfen Yeast Factory, Antibiotic Laboratory I; Dr. Alsaesser (fmu), a microbiologist, Antibiotic Laboratory II; Miss Buschmann (fmu), Dr., and Dr. Hilpert (fmu), Antibiotic Laboratory III; Dr. Reinhold (fmu), Chemical Laboratory I; Dr. A. Schubert (fmu) and Dr. G. Schuberg, (fmu), Chemical Laboratory II; Dr. Ozegowski (fmu), Chemical Laboratory III; Dr. Kuechler (fmu), Chemical Laboratory IV; Dr. Geissler (fmu), Biological Laboratory; Dr. Urban (fmu), Dr. Johnsee (fmu), Chemist Gotthard (fmu), Miss Albert (fmu), Chemist, Pharmacological Department; and Dr. Kietze (fmu), in the literary office (Literarisches Buero) of the patent department.
3. Five to twenty male or female assistant chemists are employed in the laboratories of the plant in addition to the above mentioned leading scientists. Maeder (fmu), an SED member, is chief of the personnel department; Jahn, (fmu), an SED member, is chief of the FDGB (Free German Trade Union); Heyer (fmu), is chief of the SED plant group, and Bornschein (fmu), is commercial manager. The plant is directly subordinate to Minister Fritz Selbmann. Dr. Zopf, Dr. Ozegowski, and Dr. Schwalle (fmu), are probably confidants of the Minister and were employed in the plant through ministerial intercession. One of those employees also presumably transmits research data to the Soviets. Dr. Cartellieri (fmu), presumably a son of the renowned professor of history at the University in Jena, Professor Alexander Cartellieri, is considered a Soviet sympathizer. Dr. Cartellieri was a Soviet prisoner of war and boasted that he was an officer in the Soviet Army. He was also possibly a member of

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4. [REDACTED] from a member of the plant management that the entire chemical pharmaceutical industry of the Soviet Zone of Germany is to be reorganized. Ten nationalized enterprises, which were previously subordinate to the VVB Pharma in Halle (N 52/D 92), are scheduled to be transferred to the German Trade Center (DKE) which would have the entire administration of these enterprises under its control. Thus, a large combine of all the important drug producing factories would be established. In addition to the Jenapharm Plant the combine would include the Madaus, Wecusta, Schering, Gehe, and Heyden Plants. *

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5. [REDACTED] pharmaceutical products of the Jenapharm Plant are exported to the West packed in large unmarked ampules. In the West the exported drugs are labeled and sold as Western products. Such exports included Decristol, sent in bottles to Holland and France, and Hepartonyl, a liver preparation, produced by the Wecusta Plant in Dresden (N 52/F 29), which was exported in large ampules to Switzerland. In March 1951 two tons of crude Tebethion were also exported to Holland unpacked and at a price much lower than the world market price. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment: According to available information the Jenapharm Plant was directly subordinate to the Main Administration for Chemical Products, Ministry of Heavy Industry in Berlin during the Soviet Zone reorganization of industries which has been under way since early in 1951. Simultaneously, the following enterprises were also probably placed under the direct control of the Main Administration for Chemical Products: Pharmazeutisches Werk Madaus, formerly Dr. Madaus & Co., at 16/22 Gartenstrasse in Dresden-Radebeul 1 (N 52/F 19); Wecusta-Werke, formerly W. Cuypers & Stalling, at 34 Grossenhainerstrasse in Dresden N 23 (N 52/F 28); Fabrik Chemisch-Pharmazeutischer Präparate, formerly R. Schering OHG in Berlin-N 4 (N 53/Z 75), in Berlin-Spindlersfeld (N 53/Z 94) and in Berlin-Adlershof (N 53/Z 94); Pharmazeutisches Werk Gehe, formerly Chemische Fabrik Gehe & Co AG, at 7-13 Leipzigerstrasse in Dresden N 6; and Chemische Fabrik von Heyden, formerly Chemische Fabrik von Heyden AG at 33 Meissnerstrasse in Radebeul (N 52/F 19).

** [REDACTED] Comment: The Decristol drug is not identified. Hepartonyl is probably a preparation similar to Heparin used in preventing blood coagulation caused by extreme cold. Tebethion is the trade mark for the anti-tuberculosis drug made from acetyl aminobenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazide.

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